ST JAMES was one of the first apostles to be called by Jesus to follow him. St James was a man of action and of his word. He is the patron saint of Spain and of our parish. As we celebrate this important feast in our parish let us pray that we are truly a community who provide a sense of welcome and service to each other.

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CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT
Parents are invited to attend a Community Conversation to inform the development of the sexuality component of our Christian Education for Personal Development program. All students need opportunities to understand themselves both personally and in relationship; and the changes that occur physically and emotionally as we grow. We would like to strengthen the program that we currently offer and further support parents/carers in their role as primary educators in relation to children’s understanding of their developing bodies.

Parents of students Prep-Year 6 are invited
Monday 25th July: 7.00-8.30pm

WE PRAY FOR Nadine’s Aunty Ruby, Pola (3/4 Lana) and Hannah’s (Year 1 Merle) great uncle and Alannah (3/4 Lana) and Josh’s (3/4 Em) cousin Baby Raphael Elijah who have all passed away recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to these families in our community. We keep in our prayers Cassandra, mother of Quinn (Yr 2 Taryn) and Nash (Yr 1 Mel) who is recovering from surgery.

We are mindful at this time of our South Sudanese families who are either directly or indirectly effected by the recent fighting that has broken out in their homeland. Parents are welcome to see one of the leaders or Elizabeth if they need any support.

WORKING BEE on Saturday, 16th July was attended by 11 fabulous families! What an amazing effort was put in by this small group to further develop our grounds. It is disappointing to think that many hours of work was left to so few. Those who were there went home exhausted! Hopefully you’ll be able to give a hand next time—so that we can get the work done but share it out a bit more!

FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS
Monday 25th July
Casual clothes day: $1 pp
9.45am Community Mass at St James—A representative group of 10 students will attend.
Subway lunch for those who placed an order.
2.30pm School liturgy—parents/carers invited in Damiano Centre.

CONFIRMATION is being celebrated next Friday night. We keep our Year 6 children in our thoughts and prayers. Parents are asked to return photo money by next Wednesday, if you wish to have professional photos taken before the Confirmation mass.
SFA Netball team: We wish our netball team all the very best as they take part in the Netball Victorian Championships tomorrow.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS: Thank you to all families who supported the mid-year Learning Conversations with teachers. And many thanks too for completing the survey—117 responses were received! Contact will be made with any family who have not yet made an appointment to meet with their child’s teacher as it is an essential part of our partnership that we have a formal conversation about learning at this time of the year.

A reminder that Book Club orders are due back by Tuesday, July 26th.

Psychology Services: Parents are advised that we are no longer able to have Next Door Psychology services working from our school. Low uptake numbers for the service has meant a rationalisation and the psychologist will not be visiting the school for sessions. We will continue to recommend Next Door Psychology as a provider of therapeutic services but all sessions will be undertaken at their Werribee practice.

SCHOOL WALKATHON
Friday, August 5th
Children will receive a sponsorship form with today’s newsletter. Sponsor your child for each lap they walk or give a donation. All money raised goes towards the purchase of resources to support student learning. More details about the outline of the day will be included in next week’s newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE
WHOLE SCHOOL MASS
FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 at 9.30am

Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.